THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Road from Satwari to RS Pura in J&K

1945. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the upgradation and widening of road from Satwari to RS Pura (J&K) is in progress under CRF;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of the said road and the amount of funds that has been released; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the work of the said road is not being done satisfactory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Double laning of Satwari-RS Pura road was sanctioned for an amount of Rs.1146 lakhs under Central Road Fund on 3rd August, 2005. The work is in progress. As reported by State PWD, the physical progress is 60% and an expenditure of Rs. 910 lakhs has been incurred as on 17th July, 2007. Funds are released by this Ministry for CRF works in entire State.

(d) No such report has been received from the State PWD in this regard.

Four-laning of NHs in Uttarakhand

1946. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of kilometers of roads which have been constructed by NHAI in Uttarakhand since the present Government came to power;

(b) by when Government propose to complete the four-laning of Delhi-Dehradun and Delhi-Nainital highways;

(c) the reasons for the extremely slow progress in the completion of these highways; and

(d) the steps Government propose to speed up the work and the reasons for non-completion of road from Kotdwar to Pauri, Uttarakhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) So far, no National Highway has been constructed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in the State of Uttarakhand. Current status of four laning in various stretches of Delhi-Dehradun sections of National Highway 58 and 72 and Delhi-Nainital sections of NH-24 and 87 are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Delay in Hapur-Moradabad section of NH-24 and Meerut-Muzaffarnagar section of NH-58 where work is in progress, is due to delay in tree cutting and shifting of utilities, beside some encroachment.

(d) Regular coordination with the State Government to expedite tree cutting, shifting of utilities and removal of encroachments is being carried out. Kotdwar to Pauri is not proposed for four-laning.

Statement

Four-laning of NHs in Uttarakhand

Sl. No.	Stretch	Status
1	Delhi-Dehradun' sections of NH-58 and 72	(a) The Stretch of National Highway from Delhi to Meerut is already four lane.
		b) The stretch from Meerut to Muzaffarnagar has been awarded for four laning and work is in progress. This work is targeted to be completed by March, 2009.
		(c) Bids for four laning Muzaffarnagar to Haridwar stretch are to be re-invited by NHAI on Build Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis. Detailed Project Report and the bid documents are being updated.
		(d) The Haridwar to Dehradun stretch is passing through Rajaji National Park, and Lachhi wala Park. The project can only be taken up after getting NOC from concerned authorities.
		It is too early to indicate the date of completion of 4 -laning of Muzaffarnagar-Dehradun section.
2	Delhi-Nainital sections of NH-24 and 87	The reach from Delhi to Hapur is already four lane. Four laning of Hapur to Moradabad section is in progress and targeted to be completed by March, 2008. Moradabad -Rampur section of NH-24 is also proposed to be four laned under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-IIIB, the DPR for which is in progress.
		Four laning of Rampur to Kathgodam section of NH-87 has also been included under NHDP Phase III-B. Bids have been received for preparation of detailed project report (DPR). Kathgodam to Nainital stretch is not part of NHDP.
		It is premature to indicate the completion date of Moradabad-Rampur section of NH-24 and Rampur-Kathgodam section of NH-87 since DPR has not been completed/taken up.